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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: Ali et al.

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For: Retrieval of Deleted Voice Messages in Voice Messaging System

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 03/02/2009 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Statement contains language that attempts to characterize the claimed subject matter. The Applicants submit, however, that the language in the Statement does not accurately characterize any of the claims. In particular, the Statement states that:

“The prior art of record fails to teach . . . further compressing a compressed voice message upon deletion.” (Notice of Allowability, page 2.)

The Applicants submit that this language does not appear in any of the claims.

Further, the Statement cites only a portion of the claim language from independent claim(s) 1, 12, 22, 28, and 30. The Applicants submit that the independent claims recite additional language not cited by the Examiner. Moreover, independent claims 28 and 30 recite additional features beyond that cited by the Examiner. To that extent, the Applicants object to the Statement.

In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicants reject any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

Respectfully submitted,

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